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Reply to Office Action dated February 16, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Initially, the Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for taking the time to discuss the outstanding Office Action with the Applicant's representative on May 9, 2006. In the present application, claims 1-26 have been canceled and claims 27-38 stand rejected. During the interview, the Applicant's representative and the Examiner particularly discussed claim 27 and the meaning of the term "flex loading" as used in the art and, correspondingly, in the present application.

During the interview, the Examiner expressed concern that the term "flex loading" does not clearly define the interaction between the plurality of peripheral rim portions and respective ones of the liner receiving cavities as presented in claim 27. To address this concern, the Applicant agreed to amend claim 27 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention, particularly the flex loading aspect of the invention. Towards that end, claim 27 has been amended to recite that the plurality of peripheral rim portions define a corresponding plurality of outwardly projecting edge portions, with at least two of the plurality of outwardly projecting edge portions being received by respective ones of the liner receiving cavities. The Examiner agreed that, by more clearly structurally defining the claim in this manner, the claims of the present invention would be patentably defined over the prior art of record. In addition to claim 27, the Applicant amended claims 32 and 33 to replace the term "peripheral rim" with "outwardly projecting edge" so as to provide proper antecedent basis for those terms in the claims.

Based on the above remarks, amendments to the claims and agreements reached during the interview, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention is patentably defined over the prior art of record such that allowance of all claims and passage of the application to issue is respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have

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any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below if it would further expedite prosecution on this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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